The desired soil analysis is as follows:

pH between 5½ to 6½	
Calcium	2,000# per acre
Magnesium	500# " "
Phosphorus	100# " "
Potassium	200# " "
Nitrogen	Low

Soluable Salts below 500 parts per million.

Since the cards are retunred with the figures based on per acre it is easy to plan your feeding. For instance phosphorus really is needed only once a season, it does not leach out of the soil. Naturally your nitrogen leaches out most rapidly but the average should be low anyhow. A recommendation coming from Gainesville is a 10-2-10 for the best all over result. In the spring a good gob of cow manure is bound to be beneficial to the plants and mill organite will always give them a good push early in the season. The main thing is most folks fertilize too heavy and too often. Learning to read the foliage will tell you what to do and when.

Now to water. When you do water, water deep in the ground and then leave the plants alone for awhile. This will force the root system down. The plants will do much better during the hot months. Check the water depth in the soil with a clear, firm plastic tube. Shove it in the ground about 18" then you will have a core to see just how deep you have watered. It really takes a tank of water to get proper penetration.

At least every month to six weeks the plants will need minor elements to do their best. Foliage spray does wonders. A teaspoon full makes 10 gallons and should not be exceeded. One method is to get a large neck gallon jar, put in a teaspoon of concentrated minor elements in powder form, then 10 cups of water. When you want to use just draw out a cup of this mix,

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add enough water to make the gallon. Then you are ready.

If this sounds like too much bother, or a lot of hog wash, just buy any old fertilizer of any old mix, toss it out any old way and keep your fingers crossed, but be sure you live next to a man who does his right so you can enjoy his flowers. You won't have many.

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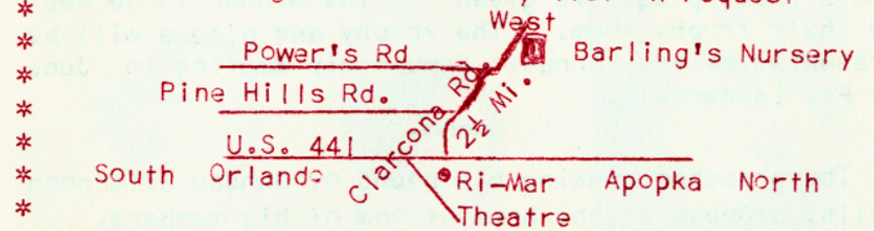

A BACHELOR is a man who leans towards girls, but not far enough to fall.

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A friend in need is a friend to keep away from.